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White House,

the front for that.

army, but did not stop long enough en route

to count how many Johnnies they had hurt.

NEXT A SKIRMISH

with Jackson's advance at Polgreen's

Church; a charge of five companies on

Hood's Division at Gaines's Mills followed,

the command being about 250 strong, when

the loss was six officers and 54 men killed,

wounded and captured, and 24 horses killed.

This was the charge which, if properly

supported by some of those brilliant infantry

Generals,-Porter, for instance,-would have saved that part of the army north of the

Chickahominy, and there might have been

a different story of the Peninsular campaign.

So I might keep on up till January, '63,

when Hooker went into "infantry history"

as never having seen a dead cavalryman.

The trouble was he never got far enough to

The duty cavalrymen did around Head-

quarters demonstrated one fact that a great

many of us have never forgotten: that the

most valuable Aids-de-Camp were newspa-

per reporters. There is one of these Gen-

erals living yet who has of recent date at-

tacked the men in the ranks. That is the

greatest mystery to me of the war. I have

read pages on pages, both history and cur-

JUSTIFY THE MISTAKE,

and for my life I cannot understand how he

rent literature, endeaving to

Then there was more scouting toward

ESTABLISHED 1877-NEW SERIES.

The Positions and Part Taken by the First Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Corps.

READY TO MOVE.

War Clouds Gathering Thick and Fast.

IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.

How the Union Army Passed | this came very near being the truth.

POINT, ILL.

on to Franklin.



HAVE read and reread Comrade Chever's graphic description of the retreat of the Fourth and Twenty-third Corps from Pulaski, Tenn. to Nashville, in November, 1864.

Comrade Chever has given correctly the positions of the two corps, with the divisions and brigades, with their commanders' names during the retreat and it will not be necessary for me to

repeat them, only so far as it will be necessary to make my story intelligible.

My object in writing this is not to criticise any part of the army, or any officer or soldier, for they were all old veterans and were able and willing to do their duty and obey their orders, but to state the positions and part taken, especially, by the First Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Corps, in this retreat, commanded by Gen. Opdycke, and composed of the 24th Wis., 36th, 44th, 73d, 74th, 84th Ill., and 125th Ohio, which latter was Gen. Opdycke's own regiment.

In order to have a better understanding some 75 or 80 miles south of Nashville, with distance. a good and substantial pike the whole distance between the two places.

of Gen. Thomas in the defense of Nashville, had been busily engaged for six or eight weeks in chasing Gen. Hood and his army over the hills and through the valleys of northern Georgia and southern Tennessee, without even getting a sight of his rear-

Gen. Sherman having become perfectly disgusted with the useless chase, halted his



GEN. EMERSON OPDYCKE, U.S. A.

army at Galesville, and as soon as he had ascertained that Hood had crossed the Tennessee River with his army, returned to Atlanta, and commenced his great "march to

The Twenty-Third Corps, commanded by Gen. Schofield, and the Fourth Corps, commanded by Gen. Stanley, went into camp at Pulaski.

STILL WATCHING the movements of Hood and waiting for or-

ders from Gen. Thomas. Gen. Hood had crossed the Tennessee River, and was busily engaged in recruiting his army, and succeeded at last in making

it a very formidable host of 45,000 infantry, with 12,000 cavalry under the command of the noted Gen. Forrest. He made the boast that when he had completed his campaign there would not be a single Union flag afloat between Florence and the Ohio River.

There were also six or seven thousand Union cavalry somewhere between the Union army and the Tennessee River, watching the movements of Hood's army. The Union cavalry were commanded by the brave and gallant Gen. Wilson, who was never caught sleeping, and never neglected to strike the enemy a blow whenever an opportunity presented.

So soon as Gen. Wilson had ascertained the Tennessee River at Florence, he immediately notified Gen. Thomas, at Nashville, Tenn., of the situation. Gen. Thomas, on

lay to the defense of Nashville. Second Division, Fourth Corps, early in | not over 50 yards, but very

the morning of the 20th day of November. For the last five or six consecutive days and at this time overflowing its banks in into the town on the double-quick."

POURED DOWN IN TORRENTS. the small streams were turned into rivers, and the country about Pulaski was flooded. The storm finally ended in sleet and snow, the snow completely covering the ground. It became excessively cold for this latitude,

hurry and turmoil in the camp, the men were going to Columbia for Winter quarters. | ing of Nov. 29. Another was that Hood and his whole army had crossed the Tennessee River, and was

Corps, all that were at Pulaski at that time, corps of Hood's army had crossed Duck moved out to the pike and commenced the River five miles above Columbia, and were BY G. V. LOUD, SURGEON, 73D ILL., CAMP | march to Nashville sometime in the after- making all haste to intercept the army at | To the northeast and east of the village the noon of the 21st day of November, 1864.

RAPID AND DEEP,

The Second Division remained in the same position through the night, and through the p. m., when they were moved down to the river and made an attempt to cross on the pontoon bridge, but failed, in consequence ice forming in some places nearly an inch of the breaking of the bridge. The division returned to their old quarters in the rifle-For the next two or three days all was pits for the night, where they remained until the next day, and at 9 o'clock p. m. they wading about in the mud and slush, ankle | made another effort to cross the river, and, | deep, making hasty preparations for a move. after considerable detention in crossing, suc- rear. No one but the commanding officer knew | ceeded, and were all safely over about 12 their destination. There were a thousand o'clock. The division went into camp near rumors affoat; the grapevine telegraph was | the pike about two miles north of Duck busy. One of the telegrams was that we River, where they remained until the morn- 100 yards to a rise in the ground, unlim-

camp more knowledge was somehow obmaking haste to intercept the train and tained of the movements of the Confederate army at Columbia and destroy them, and army that were not very reassuring for their safety while on the march to Nashville. The The two divisions of the Twenty-third fact became very well known that a whole

The ostensible object of this move was to

across Duck River, and either took up or

DESTROYED THE PONTOON BRIDGE

THE GIN HOUSE.

on the retreat from Pulaski to Nashville.

They went into camp near the river, and

were very soon engaged in skirmishing with

the rebels across the river. The fight across

The skirmishing continued until the even-

ing of the 29th day of November, when they

withdrew to their camps, and made hasty

preparation to resume their march toward

Nashville. They lighted numerous camp-

fires, sufficient in extent for the use of a

large army, and when all had become still

quietly withdrew from their camp and re-

About 8 o'clock a. m. the Second Division.

Fourth Corps, on the 29th day of November.

moved out from their camp, two miles north

of Duck River, to the pike, to take up the

line of march to Spring Hill. The war-

clouds were gathering thick and fast about

them, yet there was not the least appear-

ance of despondency, but all were cheerful,

and ready to fight the whole rebel army, if

It was not necessary for them to fill up

NOT A SHOT

had been fired by the division since they left

Pulaski. Preparations for the march were

quickly made. The division was formed in

close column, the First Brigade, Gen. Op-

dycke commanding, in advance, followed by

the Second and Third Brigades, commanded

respectively by Gen. Lane and Gen. Conrad.

There were no cavalry at hand to go forward

First Brigade, to do the work of cavalry, and

march one mile in advance of the division.

There were no wagons with the division,

tery, with the caissons, followed in the rear.

march to Spring Hill commenced. The

pike was in good condition, and the sky

clear. There was no skirmishing with cav-

It was a splendid sight, where the division

was now about 1 o'clock p. m. Gen. Wag-

ner and his staff had gone to the front, and

was with the advance-guard in or near the

A STAFF OFFICER WAS SEEN

he saluted Col. Russell, of the 44th Ill. :

way, during the forenoon.

tioned was suddenly changed.

that day.

their cartridge-boxes, for

sumed their march toward Spring Hill.

the rebels to make a crossing at this point.



READY FOR THE MARCH.

They were encumbered with the large | rest's whole corps of cavalry were in the train, belonging to both corps, of 800 or front and on both flanks of the retreating 900 wagons. In order to shorten the length army. of the train, the wagons were doubled up continued all the way to Nashville, except | neglected to do at Columbia. when bridges were to be crossed, as at Duck and Harpeth Rivers, when they were com- Fourth Corps followed the Second Division pelled to cross in single file.

of the trains made it very inconvenient for that had done such good service for the of the position of the Union and Confederate | the train guards, and all the other troops | Union army. The First and Third Divisarmies in November, 1864, we will start that were obliged to pass, compelling them | ions of the Fourth Corps were the last from Pulaski, Tenn., a small town situated to march by the side of the pike the whole

Early in the morning of November 22d the Second Division, Fourth Corps, with The army of Gen. Sherman, together with | three days' rations in their haversacks and the two corps sent by him to the assistance | 40 rounds of ammunition in their cartridgeboxes, moved out through the town of Pulaski to the pike, and started on the march north in the direction of Nashville.

The sky was clear, but the weather was cold, the wind blowing almost a gale from the north and west, and before the march for the day ended there was quite a fall of snow. After a brisk march of 12 miles the division went into camp at the village of

In consequence of the blockade of the pike by the wagon-train and other causes, the division was delayed, though they made several attempts to march, and finally returned to their old camp for another night. While the division was waiting in this camp it became generally known that Hood and his whole large army of infantry, artillery and cavalry had crossed the Tennessee River: that his objective point was Columbia, and his object the capture of the train, or at least the interception and destruction of some portion of the army, and prevent the reinforcement of Gen. Thomas at Nash-

The number of Hood's army was at least

FOUR TO ONE in proportion to any force of the Union army he would be likely to meet between his starting point at Florence and Nashville.

The Confederate army had the longes and muddiest road, but the advantage of perchance they happened to cross their path several days in the start. The Union army had a good pike the whole distance, and the

The two roads were nearly parallel some part of the way, but converged to a point at Columbia. With rather a gloomy prospect before them, in consequence of the recent news of the movements of the Confederate army, the Second Division, Fourth Corps, at 9 o'clock a. m. on the 24th of November took up the line of march for Columbia.

They moved rapidly, meeting with no obstruction of any kind while on the march. and arrived at Columbia about 5 o'clock p.

m. of the same day. They were not a moment too soon. Brisk



THE CARTER HOUSE.

skirmishing was heard toward the west as that Hood with his whole army was crossing | the division took their position in some rifle-pits that had been recently constructed. It was this time that Gen. Stanley referred to in his report when he says: "A dithe reception of this, ordered Gens. Schofield | vision of the Twenty-third Corps were skirand Stanley to withdraw all the troops un- mishing with the advance of Hood's army, der their respective commands without de- just about to enter Columbia." Columbia is situated on the south bank of Duck Marching orders were received by the River. The river is not wide at this point,

some places.

Spring Hill. It was also known that For-

Col. Russell repeated the order, and, quicker than these lines could be written,

the division was on a full run into the town whole of the next day until about 9 o'clock of Spring Hill. The advance-guard, on passing through the town a short distance, found the pike barricaded, and a double column of Forrest's cavalry directly across the pike, and the flanks of the column extending beyond their vision. The guard at once commenced skirmishing with the cavalry, and were soon joined by the whole division, with the battery bringing up the

The division was quickly deployed into position. The battery made a right wheel at the first street-crossing, advanced about bered, and opened fire on the left flank of While the division was waiting at this | the cavalry, in plain view, and in less than one-half mile distant.

> The division, with the help of the battery, soon brushed the cavalry away and

DROVE THEM OUT OF SIGHT, and no more was seen of them that day, and the barricade was soon removed. But this was not the end of the fight for that day. Second and Third Brigades met a division of Hood's army, and it was continual skirmish or battle with them until night. Call it a skirmish or battle, as you choose, it was sufficiently interesting to the inhabitants of the village to make them take shelter in their cellars as the balls came pattering against their houses.

Most of the casualties of the day were in the Second and Third Brigades, Gen. army at this time, says:

near attaining the advantage he sought of just now"; "That's strategy," etc. us. The first was at Columbia. The second and greatest escape for us was at Spring Hill, when, with a whole corps in line-of-battle, the left of the line within 600 yards of the road, they allowed all our army, except Wagner's Division, which had fought them during the night,"

It was undoubtedly a part of these troops that skirmished with the Second Division all of the afternoon of the 29th of November. Hood had sufficient force at hand, if he had made the attack, to have crushed the Secrectly across this road, intercepted the First two abreast, and in that manner they were do at Spring Hill what they had foolishly and Third Divisions of the Fourth Corps

> PREVENTED THEIR JUNCTIONS The First and Third Divisions of the he didn't, as we shall presently see.

The night of the 29th day of November was partly starlight and partly cloudy, weather moderate-no wind. Between 8 and 9 o'clock, when the picket-firing had entirely ceased and all had become quiet, Gen. Wagner called in the Second and Third Brigades and, quietly leaving the town, took up the line of march in rear of the train. that was somewhere at that time between Spring Hill and Franklin, leaving the First Brigade as the rear-guard of the whole army between Spring Hill and Franklin.

Gen Opdycke established his Headquarters in the "saddle" close to the pike and near the north side of town. He immediroops that crossed Duck River at Columbia ately placed the whole brigade on picket, completely surrounding the town, with orders to creep up as near the rebel army as possible without endangering a challenge, and silently watch. Many of them reported the river at times more resembled a regular | being so near the rebel campfires as to be battle than a skirmish, so determined were able to

PLAINLY HEAR CONVERSATIONS.

ing that the division advence immediately They watched and waited; every eye was on the watch, every ear strained to catch the faintest sound of their approaching comrades. It was long past midnight when, far away, appeared the head of the

> SLOWLY-APPROACHING COLUMNS of the two divisions of the Fourth Corps, the First and Third. Nearer and nearer they Men on Horseback Proved Brave and came, amidst the gleaming of the rebel campfires. It was as still and solemn as the tick of the death-watch at midnight; not a word was spoken, not a drum was beaten. not a gun was fired, not a flag was unfurled, not a sentinel challenged. It was tramp,



BRIDGE OVER THE HARPETH.

tramp, tramp, silently and sullenly, right between the open jaws of death itself. The First Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Corps, were the only spectators, and the First and Third Divisions, Fourth Corps, passing through the sleeping hordes of Hood's army, were the actors in that drama. Such circumstances never before occurred, and will probably never be repeated.

It was very interesting to watch the faces of the soldiers as they passed Headquarters when the question was asked, sotto voce,

"WHAT TROOPS ARE THESE?" answered (same voice), "The First Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Corps, rear-guard of the whole army," to see the change in the Stanley, in his report of the situation of the | countenances from despair to hope. Many such exclamations as "Good-by, Libby" "On two occasions the enemy was very | "But didn't we smell Andersonville, though,

It was 5 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 30 when the last soldier and the last packmule passed Headquarters near the pike on the north side of the town.

during the day, to pass them with impunity | two equal battalions driectly across the company of pioneers with axes in front to clear away any obstructions that might impede the march, and a company of flankers ond Division, and by placing his army di- on the right and left of each line-of-battle. It was near daylight when all was ready, and the order was given to the first line to | Lieut. Tompkins, in a reconnoissance to distance to the topography of the country;

with the rest of the army at Franklin. But | to hait, about face, and stand in line-of-battle until the second line-of-battle passed through the ranks and performed the same duty as the first line; the Napoleons always halting in the rear line. It was in this formation that the First afterward Major-General, were in the ad-Brigade marched the whole distance (some

15 or 16 miles) from Spring Hill to Franklin, except when, within two miles of Franklin, Martinsburg, and Bunker Hill. Six comthey formed in column on the pike. So soon as it was light

SKIRMISHING COMMENCED

with Forrest's cavalry, and was kept up in Kirby Smith stampeded the infantry; then a lively manner, especially by the rear column, and it happened quite often that the Napoleons-sometimes one and sometimes both of them-took a hand in the fight when the cavalry pressed the line rather too | helping Major- and Brigadier-Generals in fast on the pike.

Forrest's cavalry occurred between Spring | duty cannot be found for a soldier to per-Hill and Franklin, but it was comparatively form than following those chaps around, a small considering the opportunities afforded. Occasionally the pioneers would clear the pike of a burned wagon for the passage of the and, what is more, did not want to see one Some historians have made the statement | guns, and a few wagons were looted and the | so long as requisitions on the Commissary

THE SADDLE

True.

PERILOUS WORK.

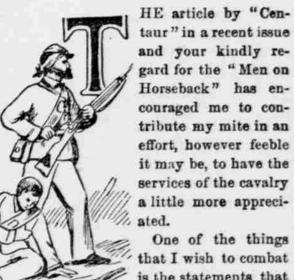
The Onerous Duty of Showing

COLD STEEL FIGHTS.

off a Major-General.

A Record that Showed no Ornamental Posing.

BY H. O. CROSBY, CO. A, 5TH U. S. CAV., FORT WAYNE, IND.



taur" in a recent issue and your kindly regard for the "Men on Horseback" has en- attained the rank of Major-General. I cancouraged me to conit may be, to have the a little more appreci-

is the statements that cavalry were of little

service in the beginning of the war. This, Gen. Opdycke quietly called in his bri- I think can be shown, is an error, and if the gade and formed them in line-of-battle in persons who so frequently make the statement, if in the service then, would only pike-the first line facing front and the sec- | bestir their languid minds they could recall ond line facing the rear with two Napoleons | many instances of seeing frequent cases of side by side in the center on the pike; a hard and perilous work done by the cavalry while they were taking their ease in wellguarded camps.

Take, for instance, my old regiment. Three companies assisted in the capture of Alexandria, Va. Fifty men of Co. B, under march a half mile, more or less, to suit the Fairfax Courthouse, May 31, 1861, captured two picket stations, charged three times through the town,

ROUTED THE REBELS, killing and wounding 25 and losing by wounds six men and 13 horses killed. Four companies under Maj. George H. Thomas, vance of Patterson's column, and participated in the skirmishes at Falling Waters, panies were in the Manassas campaign, losing three men at Blackburn's Ford. A Bull Run they supported batteries until were used to cover the retreat, and served as rear-guard until Centerville was reached. From that time on they were employed on picket and reconnoitering duties, frequently showing off, as escorts, body-guards, and Most of the damage done to the train by such infernal work. A more exasperating

NOT YET SEEN A JOHNNY,

majority of whom had

not look upon him other than the greatest tribute my mite in an fizzle of the war. Honestly, I do not beeffort, however feeble lieve he could perform the duties of a "Brevet Lance Corporal on suspicion" sucservices of the cavalry | cessfully. Now, in conclusion, I find that my regiment during the time that it is claimed that One of the things | cavalry was simply an ornament, viz., from May 23, '61, to Dec. 30, '62, was in exactly 50 battles, skirmishes, and scouts; our loss amounted to 165, the regiment being only 10 companies strong, no company with 50 men in it. At no time was the regiment engaged as an entire regiment, and at no

time that I can recall was it commanded by a field officer after Pap Thomas was taken from us.

I cannot understand how regiments like the 1st Me. Cav., 1st Vt. Cav., 6th Pa. Cav., 8th Ill. Cav., and 1st, 2d and 5th U. S. Cav. could have stood up so long under the charge of not doing anything, until Hooker made them, without hitting back. They surely do not lack the "sand" to fight back.

Dog and Crane Fight it Out.

In the Fall a big white crane got in the habit of stealing fish from Mrs. Myra Hooker's carn pond in Sickler's Creek, says the Scranton correspondent of the New York Sun. The longlegged bird was so handsome that Mrs. Hooker liked to look at it, and as there were a good many more carp in the pond than she could make use of, she let the crane come around and help itself to fish as often as it pleased.

Before long the crane saw that Mrs. Hooker meant to be friendly, for instead of stealing up to the pond as it had done at first, it alighted near the pond as though it had a right to, waded in leisurely, and soon sailed off to the swamp with a carp flopping in its strong jaws. Within a fortnight Mrs. Hooker's mongrel dog Dick began to take a dislike to the big bird, and one morning he laid his plans to nab He hid in some weeds, and when the crane alighted he sprang out at it, and met with the

Dick made a miss, and the spunky bird hammered him on the head with its long bill, licked him in less than a minute, and sent him howling to the house with his left eye badly bunged up.

Mrs. Hooker saw the lively spat and went to Dick's assistance. She began to doctor the wounded eye, but her tender nursing was in vain, for the crane's bill had pierced the center of the optic and the sight was destroyed.

Dick kept away from the pond, and did a good deal of thinking while his wound was healing. He must have made up his mind to have revenge on the crane, Mrs. Hooker said, for as soon as his eye had got well he crawled under a root at the edge of the pond one morning and concealed himself till the crane waded in, raised one foot and pretended to be dozing, when he made a spring and caught it by the

The crane kicked and flooped its wings, but Dick had a good hold, and he hauled the strangling fish-thief out of the water, dragged it around the meadow on a canter till he had choked it to death, and then snaked it to the doorward, where he danced and barked around it in triumph that he had killed the enemy that had put out his eye.

> In Trouble. [Washington Post.]

Private John Allen, of Mississippi, is in a sad state. He feels himself absolutely affoat in darkness, without a single star to guide him. He says he came to Congress with absolute reliance on three things as Democratic:

1. That the Democratic party was surely for free coinage of silver. 2. That the Anglo-Saxon white man was the born ruler of all colors.

3. That Thomas Brackett Reed was an irrepressible tyrant without one redeeming trait. "Last October the Democratic party, House, Senate, and President, set up the gold standard and stopped the coinage of silver," he said. "This bothered me, but I held on to the other two. Recently we voted to put a colored woman over American white men in Hawaii. That kept me awake all last night; but I said, 'I can cling to that principle about Reed. He certainly was a tyrant without a redeeming trait." You can imagine my state of mind when the Speaker said that Reed, in the middle of an ugly fight, actually decided wrong out of a desire to give his enemies the best possible chance and out of kindness of heart. I am a Democrat yet, but I am just this minute out of reasons

Blowing Springs. [St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

"I have seen a few blowing springs, and I

why."

could never understand how they are formed or the cause for the outward current of air." said Bert Magoffin, of Kentucky, at the Southern. "There is one at Brandensburg, Ky., About this time, at New Bridge, Co. G, by where the water coming from the spring is strongly impregnated with salt. There is sufficient breeze blowing from the spring to be distinctly felt and to blow a handkerchief quite violently. This breeze is intermittent. There is another one in Walker County, Ga., where the water is fresh and the breeze is considerably stronger. It can be distinctly heard for some distance, and in the hottest weather it is sufficient to keep a person cool and comfortable around the spring. The opening in the mountain where the water flows is small, and when an ear is placed to this opening the wind can be heard as though a strong breeze was constantly blowing inside, while outside not a breath of air may appear to be stirring. I have never heard a reasonable explanation of



AN ALMOST DAILY OCCURENCE.

ond Division, Fourth Corps, historians to the the town. Gen. Opdycke's contrary notwithstanding.

The rebel campfires began to make their for a long distance. They were on the east was nearing Spring Hill, with the bright side of the pike, and a few of them were so sun glistening upon the muskets, at right. | near that a soldier could have hurled a pistol | shoulder shift, as they came swinging down among the sleeping rebels. There were none common to the veterans of the army. It | west side.

Not an eye was closed in sleep that fearful night by the First Brigade. They realtown, when the pleasing scene just men- the rebel army, and knew that the First and Third Divisions of the Fourth Corps were not far behind, probably at that very time coming down the pike at full speed, and within a few miles of Spring Hill; but they reining up his horse in front of the division. did not know what the result would be of two divisions of an army marching right "It is the order of the General command- through the camp of an enemy.

Gen. Wagner detailed the 73d Ill., of the Corps were encamped between the rebel was at Thompson's Station, where two or army and Spring Hill. Such was not the three six-mule teams were bayoneted and fact. All of the soldiers of the Fourth Corps, lay stretched out on the pike, still harnessed or any other corps, that were on duty in the | to the wagon. After forming in column on not even an ambulance; but part of a bat- camp between the rebel army and Spring the pike, the brigade moved on to within Hill that night between 10 o'clock p. m. and one mile of Franklin, where the pike passed

alry, or molestation by the enemy in any appearance about 10 o'clock p. m., gradually giving directions for the placing of some extending south in the direction of the pike | guns on the side of the hill east of the pike. On the brow of this hill is a good place to take a panoramic view of the battlefield of Franklin. The river at this place makes a complete oxbow bend, with the town of south a half mile or so.

ized their danger in the close proximity of Granger, Gen. Schofield's Headquarters dursouth of the town are the line of rifle-pits extending the whole distance in a circular form from the river above on the left to the east from the pike, and near the rifle-pits,

as the advance-guard for the division, and | that at this time the whole of the Fourth | wheels cut down, but the worst sight of all | Department were honored and Uncle Sam paid them from \$400 to \$800 a month. In March, 1862, a detachment of the regiment, under Lieuts. Custer and McIntosh, drove the enemy across Cedar Run. From

were employed in picket and reconnoissance It was about 8:30 o'clock a. m. when the 4 o'clock a. m., were the First Brigade, Sec- through the gap in the line of hills south of duty, and engaged the enemy at Lee's Mills and Warwick Creek. After the evacuation HORSE WAS KILLED of Yorktown the regiment was skirmishing under him by a rebel sharpshooter, while every day to the Chickahominy, then again on picket duty, until they led the advance

their work, brought Lieut. Custer to the

there the regiment went to Yorktown, and

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and opened the battle of Hanover Courthouse, captured 190 prisoners, and received the thanks of the commanding General.

the pike, with that easy, swinging step so in sight from Opdycke's Headquarters on the Franklin in the apex of the bend, extending attention of his superior officers, which resulted finally with his achieving two stars. Across the river, away to the northeast, a and I am willing to give him credit for mile from the battlefield, stands Fort never forgetting the regiment. Then more scouting to Ashland; hard and dangerous ing the battle. About a hundred yards work. Next, four companies under Capt. Royall scouted in the vicinity of Old Church. There was what the boys called a cold-steel fight, Capt. Royall getting as his share six river below on the right. About 100 yards | saber cuts, Lieut, McLean being wounded

and captured, four men killed, and 35 captured. They made the entire circuit of their I these phenomena."